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ADB LOAN FOR RURAL ROADS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has offered a Rs.300 crore loan for construction of rural road in Assam;

(b) if so, the Union Government`s reaction thereto; and

(c) the number of villages and habitations with more than 1000 population in Assam still unconnected with link roads to the nearest road and the total length of the link roads required to provide such links and to the rural population?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (b) The Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide a Loan of US $ 400 million for construction of rural roads under PMGSY. The States of Assam, Orissa and West Bengal will be the project States for the purpose.

(c) As per the Core Network Survey conducted by the Assam State Government, 4692 habitations with population of more than 1000 are still to be provided connectivity in Assam. Based on the Core Network, average length required for connectivity per habitation is approximately 1.44 km, and as such the total length of the link roads required to provide connectivity to such villages will be approximately 6756 kms.